| वर्ष | बनाए जाने वाले समूहों की संख्या | बनाए गए समूह |
|---|---|---|
| 1991-92 | 1150 | 1167 |
| 1992-93 | 810 | 529 |
| 1993-94 | 832 | 901 |

(ग) जी, नहीं

(घ) लागू नहीं होता।

**Potable water to SCs/STs in Gujarat**

4198. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what target was fixed for the supply of potable water to persons belonging to SC-ST communities in rural and tribal areas of Gujarat during the Seventh Five Year Plan and the extent to which the same has been achieved;

(b) what target has been fixed to sort out the problem of potable water during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the details of villages in the States which are proposed to be provided with potable water during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) During the VII Five Year Plan the target and achievement of Rural Water Supply in terms of coverage of villages and population in Gujarat was as under:—

| Villages | Total Rural population (in lakh) | SCs out of (2) | STs out of (2) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5863 | TARGET 51.09 | 3.83 | 7.21 |
| 6474 | ACHIEVEMENT 65.61 | 5.51 | 7.16 |

(b) and (c) The target for coverage of villages and rural population in Gujarat during 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1994-95 is as under:—

| | Population (in lakh) | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Villages | Total | SCs out of (2) | STs out of (2) |
| | 1992-93 | | |
| 500 | 7.420 | 0.560 | 0.820 |
| | 1993-94 | | |
| 500 | 6.300 | 1.058 | 0.630 |
| | 1994-95 | | |
| 500 | 5.400 | 0.360 | 0.500 |

The target for 1995-96 and 1996-97 will be decided on year-to year basis depending upon the outlay of funds for these years.

**Jawahar Rozgar Yojana in Gujarat and Maharashtra**

4199. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 20% of the total allocation made to Gujarat and Maharashtra under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana is being utilised for digging wells and most of this amount is being wasted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any record was maintained to find out the working under this programme during the last three years;

(d) if so, the number of wells dug in Gujarat and Maharashtra during the last three years and the percentage of total amount allocated to Gujarat and Maharashtra under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana being spent on digging wells, district-wise; and

(c) whether any new initiative is being taken to check the wasteful expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR: (a) and (b) Digging of wells so as to provide an irrigation source to poor, small & marginal farmers is the main objective of Million Wells Scheme (MWS) which is a sub-scheme of Jawahar rozgar Yojana. The other activities permitted under MWS are the schemes of minor irrigation like irrigation tanks, water harvesting structures and development of the lands of the target groups. The earmarking of funds for MWS has been increased from 20% to 30% of the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) resources at the national level from 1993-94.

No specific report on wasteful expenditure under NWS has been received from Gujarat and Maharashtra

(c) and (d) Districtwise records on number of wells dug and expenditure under MWS are not maintained at the Central level. However, Statewise information in respect of Gujarat and Maharashtra is as under:

| | 1991-92 | 1992-93 | 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **GUJARAT:** | | | |
| **Wells constructed** | 6364 | 4864 | 5602 |
| **Expenditure (Rs. lakhs)** | 1855.88 | 1788.88 | 2036.30 |
| **MAHARASHTRA:** | | | |
| **wells constructed** | 7997 | 6739 | 5284 |
| **Expenditure (Rs. lakhs)** | 1843.35 | 1558.11 | 1464.85 |

Expenditure as given also includes expenditure on items other than wells which are permissible under MWS.

(e) As mentioned in reply to (a) and (b) above, no wasteful expenditure on this scheme has been reported from Gujarat and Maharashtra. JRY guidelines, which the implementing agencies have to follow, have an inbuilt system to check the wasteful expenditure. The beneficiaries, under MWS, are themselves asked to undertake the constructed of their wells through their own labour and local labour for which they are paid, In no case, the work under MWS, is to be entrusted to contractors by the implementing agencies.

The Ministry of Rural Development has also introduced an Area Officers Scheme under which teams have been formed consisting of senior officers of the Military of Rural Development and the Departments of Programme Implementation, Wastelands Development, Planning Commission and Administrative Reforms. These teams have been allotted one or two states each. These area officers visit the State(s) allotted to them and give a fed back on implementation of Rural Development Programme including MWS. Observations reported are taken up with the concerned State(s) and appropriate action is taken.

**सौराष्ट्र-कच्छ क्षेत्र के लिए नर्मदा का पानी**

4200. श्रीमती उर्मिलाधिभनभाई पटेल: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार गुजरात राज्य के सौराष्ट्र-कच्छ क्षेत्र में पीने के पानी की समस्या को दूर करने के लिए उस क्षेत्र को पाइपलाइनों द्वारा नर्मदा का पानी उपलब्ध कराने की योजना के लिए कोई सहायता देने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस योजना को पूरा करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार ने कितनी धनराशि मंजूर की है; और

(ग) उक्त धनराशि कब तक जारी कर दी जाएगी?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अमभाई पटेल): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।